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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ON ITALIAN RELEASE OF ARAB TERRORISTS

1. VERNACULAR NEWSPAPER IL-MUMENT (NATIONALIST PARTY WEEKLY) CARRIED ARTICLE NOVEMBER 11 TITLED "ARAB TERRORISTS TRANSIT IN MALTA". FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT:

"INFORMED SOURCES SAY THAT TWO ARAB TERRORISTS, WHO WERE OUT ON BAIL AFTER APPEARING BEFORE A COURT IN ROME, ITALY, PASSED THROUGH MALTA ON THEIR WAY TO BEIRUT, LEBANON. THE TWO ARABS PROBABLY LEFT ITALY WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S BLESSING.

"THE TWO GUERRILLAS WERE ARRESTED AT AN APARTMENT IN THE VICINITY OF ROME AIRPORT FOLLOWING A TIP-OFF TO THE ITALIAN POLICE BY THE ISRAELI SECRET SERVICE. (THE ARABS APPEARED IN COURT OCT 30).

"REPORTS CLOSE TO LUQA AIRPORT SAY THAT THE AIRPLANE ON WHICH THE TERRORISTS WERE TRAVELLING WAS OF THE TYPE DC-3 OF THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE. IT BROUGHT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY BEING USED BY THE PIONEER

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2. COMMENT: WHILE MUMENT IS NOT ABOVE PRINTING
ARTICLES OF DOUBTFUL AUTHENTICITY, WE SHALL TRY
TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION...MIMIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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